GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:672
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RELATIONS WITH ARABIAN COUNTRIES
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI;PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are taking any step to improve relations with Arab countries; alongwith Palestine;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the Arabian counties with whom bilateral issues have been discussed during the last three years till date and better ties established?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) India enjoys traditionally close and historic ties with the Arab countries. Efforts have been made to impart further depth and content to these relations through regular dialogue at various levels.

(c) Bilateral discussions on issues of mutual concern have been held with Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Djibouti, Barain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, U.A.E. and Yemen during the last three years.